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Chairman Tom Wheeler

Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Chairman Wheeler,

My name is Corey Lando. I am a 16 year old sophomore at Stafford Senior High School in Fredericksburg, Virginia. I am writing because I am very concerned by the prospect of a non-neutral internet. I am seeking that the FCC repeal "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet" and classify Internet Service Providers (ISP's) as Title II Common Carriers.

Since the internet was created, it has been an open and free medium, allowing for advancement, competition, and innovation. However, recent events have put this internet in jeopardy. Since the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in favor of Verizon in January, ISP's can now discriminate their broadband usage against certain sites. There are a wealth of problems with this. Under the framework of a non-neutral internet, large companies and websites do not have to constantly

change, innovate, and improve their sites. Instead, they can merely pay large sums of money to snuff out their competition, by slowing their sites down so much as to be unusable. This will lead to stagnation, and will greatly reduce the quality of the internet. New entrepreneurs will not be able to enter the marketplace, as they will not be able to overcome the stifling control of big corporations. This will cap the once limitless potential of the internet.

Furthermore, capitalism does not work against the ISP's. Primarily, ISP's frequently have a monopoly on certain areas, and if consumers want high speed internet, they often do not have any other choice. Secondly, it is in the best interests of ISP's, especially in this case, to work together to carve out agreed shares of available customers, which prevents a free market solution. The business model of ISP's is to provide you the broadband you need to access content of your choosing. The larger the consumer's data cap and the faster their speeds, the more money they pay. However, a closed internet will essentially allow ISP's to double dip, by charging both consumers and companies. This charging of the companies will eventually work its way back to the consumer, and may even result in pay-per-view internet. This is incredibly unfair and unjust, and because capitalism does not work against ISP's, there will not be anything we can do about, short of boycotting the internet altogether.

Perhaps most concerning, a closed internet could potentially impact civil liberties. An organization, or even the government, could deny broadband access to sites they do not want the consumer to see, taking away their freedom of speech. There would be no way bloggers would be able to compete against large news sources, and anything the rich companies do not want the

consumer to see, they could block out. Indeed, an ISP such as Comcast could prevent their users from even visiting Verizon's site, further preventing capitalism from working.

The only proponents of a closed internet are the ISP's and those closely associated with them. Therefore, it stands to reason that the FCC would respect the will and rights of the majority. However, the FCC has allowed itself to be persuaded by the ISP's wealth lobbyists, which is shocking and completely opposed to the principles on which this country was founded.

I personally grew up with the internet. It is an incredible tool for a wide variety of purposes, from education to entertainment to business to shopping. The idea of a closed internet, and everything that goes along with it, horrifies me. I beseech the FCC to repeal "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet," which, contrary to its name, would make discrimination against content officially legal. Instead, classify ISP's as Title II Common Carriers. This would take away their ability to restrict the content they provide by making them a utility. I love the internet, and someday, I want my children to be able to grow up and experience the open and free internet the same way I have fortunately been able to, until now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey Lando". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Corey" and last name "Lando" clearly distinguishable.

Corey Lando